

FARMERS BRANCH

Manske Library

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Welcome to the Farmers Branch Manske Library



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Farmers Branch, Texas 75234
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Regular hours
Monday through Thursday
10 am to 9 pm
Friday and Saturday
10 am to 6 pm
Sunday
1 to 5 pm

Holiday hours
Christmas Eve, December 24
Closed
Christmas, December 25
Closed
New Years Eve, December 31
10 am to 12 noon
New Years Day, January 1
Closed

Library Board
The Farmers Branch Manske Library Board meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm in the library conference room.
The Board considers requests from the community for the purchase of materials and services, makes recommendations to the City Council and reviews the written input citizens have placed in the suggestion box.
The Board also keeps current with trends and advances in public libraries and with the Manske Library and its collections and services.

Getting a library card For Farmers Branch residents and residents of reciprocal cities, a library card is free with a photo ID and current residence verification. For children under the age of 17, a parent or guardian must present a photo ID and current residence verification. Residents of nonreciprocal cities with a TexShare card will be able to obtain a library card for free with a photo ID and current residence verification, or they may pay an annual fee in lieu of a TexShare card. Internet Guest cards are available to adults with a photo ID.

Inside the library

- There are 32 desktop computers and seven laptops available with Microsoft Office suite.
- Study rooms with locking doors are available downstairs on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Wi-Fi is accessible throughout the building.

Meeting facilities

- The Farmers Branch Manske Library meeting facilities include a meeting room with a capacity of 100 to 150 people, a conference room with a capacity of 24 and an outdoor amphitheater.
- The application is available on the library website. Please see our meeting room policy online for further information.

Using your library card

- With your library card, you may check out materials and use public computers in the library.
- Books, audiobooks and music CDs check out for three weeks.
- DVDs and magazines check out for seven days, with a limit of 15 and seven, respectively.
- You may renew items in person, through the online catalog or by phone up to 10 times if those items are not requested by another patron.
- To use the automated telephone renewal system, dial 972.919.9822. You will need to have your library card number and PIN.
- Materials can be returned in either the inside or outside library bookdrops.
- With a card you may access electronic resources such as ebooks and databases using your library card number and PIN from home.

Fines and other charges

- A 10 cent per day per item fine is charged for books, audiobooks, CDs and magazines not returned by the due date.
- A \$1 per day per item fine is charged for DVDs not returned by the due date.
- Lost or damaged items are billed based on the cost of the item.



Farmers Branch City Council 2014-2015
First row (from left) Councilmember Ana Reyes, City Manager Gary D. Greer, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Fuller.
Second Row (from left) Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Kirk Connally, Mayor Bob Phelps, Councilmember Harold Froehlich, Councilmember Ben Robinson.

What’s new and upcoming at Manske

Spotlight on electronic resources: *Introducing Streaming Freegal*

The Farmers Branch Manske Library announces its new partnership with Freegal Music Service. Now, in addition to three MP3 downloads weekly, patrons can **stream music for 3 hours per day**. The new initiative, part of Freegal 4.0, allows cardholders access to over 7 million songs from 28,000 recording labels that originate in over 80 different countries. Access Freegal and nearly 100 other online resources from the Digital Library link on the library website. All you need is your library card number.

Used book sale
The biannual Farmers Branch Manske Library Used Book Sale returns this winter on Friday, December 5, 2 to 6 pm and Saturday, December 6, 10 am to 6 pm. Come browse bargain prices on books, audiobooks, movies, CDs, toys and more.

Renovated study area downstairs
If you haven’t been to the library lately, please stop by and check out the newest additions to the downstairs reference area. The freshly painted tables and wall art depict calming scenes of nature. Be sure to check out our renovations, grab book and make yourself comfortable down in the reference area.



Gallery exhibitions this Winter

Brookhaven College students December 6 through January 2

Artwork of students instructed by Hyun Chu in continuing education art classes at Brookhaven College is featured in the gallery this month. Students were given the freedom to explore their own individual subjects and styles, and the work is loosely structured around various themes and techniques.
The paintings, done in either acrylic or oil on varying sizes of canvas, include the traditional mix of portraits, still life and landscapes. This exhibit runs the full gamut from realism to abstraction, from impressionism to expressionism.



Victor Angeletti/ 36"x 24"/ Oil on Canvas

Ancient Egypt
January 3 through February 27
Rollin Phipps, former professor at the University of Texas at Arlington and expert on ancient Egypt, has provided an exhibition for the gallery that includes a variety of both authentic relics and museum replicas.



Adult Events

Patron Appreciation Day

Tuesday, December 9, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Join the library staff for light snacks and refreshments in the mezzanine.

Brookhaven College Handbell Ensemble

Saturday, December 13, 3 to 4:30 pm
The ensemble, under the direction of Bonnie Riddle and Estelle Spradling, will be ringing their 68 handbells and 68 handchimes to celebrate Christmas with some of its favorite Christmas songs. Program includes “African Noel,” “Blue Christmas,” “Carol of the Drum,” “Sleigh Ride,” “Greensleeves” and more.

Explore Texas

Tuesday, December 16, 7 to 8 pm
Do you want to explore Texas, but don’t know where to start? Ecologist, Dr. Dan Moulton, will discuss the different regions of Texas, and highlight notable nature and environmental centers across the state. He will also be on hand to sell and sign copies of his new book, *Texas Nature and Environmental Centers Guide*.

Series on Egyptology

Tuesday, January 13, 7 to 8:30 pm; Saturday, January 24, beginning at 1 pm; Wednesday, February 11, 7 to 8:30 pm
Egyptology expert Rollin Phipps returns to the library to give a series of presentations on the history of Egypt and Egyptology. The focus of the presentations on January 13 and February 11 will be the history of Egyptology. The January 24 session will demonstrate the mummification process.

English Classes

Mondays & Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 pm, class ends December 11, resumes January 8, 2015
English classes are offered twice a week to learners of all skill levels. Lessons are week to week so continual attendance is not required.

Great Books Discussion Group

3rd Monday of the month, 7 to 9 pm, January - October
Interested in reading and talking about varied works of literature? All are welcome to this group which discusses poems, essays, plays and other literature included in *Great Conversations* 4. Each literary work should be read prior to the meeting. Upcoming readings: **January:** “To Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch” by Immanuel Kant; **February:** *The Chilean Earthquake* by Heinrich von Kleist.

AARP Tax Help

Tuesdays, 1 to 7 pm, resumes January 27
AARP Tax Aides provide free tax preparation and electronic filing, as well as help to answer tax questions. Please bring all necessary documents, including last year’s tax return and all forms for this year.

Citizenship Classes

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 pm, resumes January 21, 2015
Citizenship classes offered by the Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. Refugee & Empowerment Services are held quarterly at the library. For registration, contact Rigo Aguilar at 214-553-9909 ext. 144.

Writers’ Group

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 10 am to 12 pm
This group is for writers who want to share and discuss their work with other local scribes. Poetry, non-fiction and all genre interests are invited. Beginners welcome.

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

3rd Tuesday of the month, 10 am to 12 pm, September - June
All are welcome to join this group which holds informal discussions of books and authors. Instead of everyone reading the same book, a specific theme is the focus of each meeting and participants may read and discuss a book of their choice relating to the topic. Upcoming meetings: **December:** Poetry/Songs; **January:** Books by Louise Erdrich; **February:** O Canada (Canadian authors and/or books set in Canada).

Knit Wits

Wednesdays, 5 to 6 pm
Knitters and crocheters of all genders and ages are welcome to join us for an informal group knit. Beginners are welcome and we will gladly show you how to get started with either craft.

Poetry Reading

2nd Wednesday of the month, 1 to 3 pm
Can’t talk to your friends about Maya Angelou or William Butler Yeats? Come to this monthly poetry group designed for those who enjoy reading and appreciating poetry. All are welcome.

Experimental Aircraft Association General Aviation Meeting

Check calendar for monthly meeting date, 7 pm
Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our chapter. We get together with like-minded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety and serve the local aviation community.

North Texas Dieselpunks

2nd Saturday of the month, 2 pm, January - October
Dieselpunk blends knowledge of the 1920s through the early 1950s with today. The goal of dieselpunk is to create something unexpected and new by merging the elements of the past with today’s technology and attitude. Upcoming meetings: **January:** Vintage Life Expo begins at 11 am; **February:** Historical Movie Theaters of Dallas.

Technology Classes

Intro to Internet Search

Thursdays, December 4, 7 to 8 pm
There’s more to internet search than just typing a few words in a search box. Learn techniques and resources to improve your search results.

Introduction to Excel, part I & II

Thursdays, January 15 & 22, 7 to 8:30 pm
1 + 1 = 2 is easy. Creating the same formula in a spreadsheet, might not seem so intuitive. Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel and how to properly build a spreadsheet from the ground up. Attendance is limited to 6 students. Prerequisite: basic Windows navigation skills.

Introduction to Word, part I & II

Thursdays, February 19 & 26, 7 to 8:30 pm
Want to learn the real fundamentals of Microsoft Word? Then join us and discover how to get the most from this popular word processing program. Attendance is limited to 6 students. Prerequisite: basic Windows navigation skills.

Minecraft

2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, resumes January 14
Sign in with our server and explore this creative multiplayer game with others in the library. Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Service Desk.

Teen Screen

3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 to 8:30 pm, resumes January 21
This winter we will feature films adapted from full length novels.

Toddler Story Time

Mondays, 10:15 to 11 am, resumes January 12
Children ages 12-36 months accompanied by a caregiver can enjoy playful age-appropriate stories, music and toys.

Babybounce

Tuesdays, 11:15 to 11:45 am, resumes January 13
Join us for stories, nursery rhymes, music and movement that let you enjoy literacy with your newest family member! Ages 0-18 months accompanied by a caregiver.

Family Story Time

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 pm , resumes January 20
A story time for the whole family with books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build language and literacy skills.

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:15 to 11 am, resumes January 14
Join us for stories, music and activities to enhance your child’s pre-kindergarten reading skills. Includes a take-home project. Ages 3-7 accompanied by a caregiver welcome!

Readers are Leaders

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 to 8 pm, resumes January 13
Join us once a month and listen to stories by various guest readers and hear how reading has impacted their lives. All ages welcome.

World Discovery

2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 4 to 5 pm, begins January 12
Learn more about the different regions and countries of the world through presentations, activities and crafts.

Cool after School

Wednesdays, 4 to 5 pm, resumes January 14
Join us weekly for crafts, games and reading fun! Ages 6-12 welcome.

Minute to Win It!

Thursdays, January 29, 4 to 5 pm
Are you smarter than the average teen? Find out by competing in timed challenges such as Sticky Situation, Movin’ on UP and Stack Attack. Win enough challenges to earn a prize!

Chocolate Mania

Thursdays, February 12, 5 to 6 pm
Join us for some great Valentine’s activities like Chocolate Tasting, Guessing Jar, and Heart to Heart Memory Game!

Santa & Cookies

Wednesdays, December 10, 6 pm
The whole family is invited to celebrate the holiday season with cookie decorating, activities and songs. Bring a camera or use your phone to take a picture with Santa! Gather around while Farmers Branch Fire Chief Parker reads *’Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Kickoff

Thursdays, January 8, 10:15 to 11 am
Join us for a special story time event. We will have a great time reading books from the recommended list, constructing crafts and enjoying free refreshments. Everyone who signs up for the program before or at the event will receive a signed certificate.

Surf the Web, But Don’t Wipe Out

Wednesdays, January 21, 4:30 to 5:30 pm
The Farmers Branch Police Department teaches children how to navigate the web safely. Parents are welcome too!

Farmers Branch Tails

Saturdays, February 7, 2 to 3 pm
Learn more about man’s best friend. Topics include dog hygiene, how to approach strange dogs and different breeds. You might even get a chance to pet one of our special guests!

Valentine Craft

Wednesdays, February 11, 4 to 5 pm
Celebrate Valentines at the library! Make a valentine or two for your friends, family or secret admirer and indulge in a little candy while you craft! Open to the whole family!

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